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[Letter 141]

[Enclosed greeting card]
Thomas Goode and Company have the honor to acknowledge A. Hyde Esquires remittance and beg to enclose receipt for the same with their best thanks.

19, South Audley Street, London, W.
December 10 1873

[Back of greeting card]
Thomas Goode and Company
December 10, 1873
London
Acknowledges receipt of remittance and encloses receipt

[Enclosures not included]

[Letter 142]

[Front of letter]
[Lettercard of Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.]
Lanman Charles
November 14, 1873
Received December 11, 1873

Requests that the picture “Final Harvest” be delivered to Mr Barlow
-Delivered to Mr Barlow December 11, 1873

Mr. McLeod,

Some time ago Mr. Corcoran received [Pertel’s?] picture of the “Final Harvest” merely for safe keeping. The artist has now sent for it and if you will deliver it to Mr Barlow you will greatly [oblige?]

Yours very truly,
Charles Lanman
November 14, 1873

[Barlow’s Gallery of Fine Arts business advertisement enclosed with lettercard]

[Letter 143]

[Front of Letter 143]
Tennant, Alexander
December 12, 1873
Received December 13, 1873
Estimate for 3 Water Closets and 1 Urinal $183.00

Georgetown D.C. December 12, 1873
Mr. A. Hyde
Sir:
I will [part?] up the Plumbing and wood work in Art Gallery, corner of 17th Street and Pennsylvania Ave/., as follows. Wood work for water closets and urinal to be Easternshore tongue and groove. Partitions beaded. Frames of white pine. Venitian slat doors with all necessary hardware. Seats of 614 walnut. Risers of white pine stained to match. The floors to be laid in all of the closets, for the sum of [eighty three?] dollars (83.00?]. If lined on back sixteen dollars extra (16.00)

Plumbing work as follows. 4 pull handle pan closets. One large urinal. And all necessary [traps?] and connections [part?] [sep?] in the best workmanlike manner for the sum of one hundred dollars $100.00

Yours Respectfully
Alex. Tennant
$236.00

[Letter 144]

[Front of letter 144]
Walters W.T.
Baltimore December 13, 1873
Received December 15, 1873
Handed Mr. Hyde Bill of Lading from Brown and Company with mem. On back of envelope of about $15. Supposed freight from London to Liverpool on [Porteal's?] picture. Is not sure what day he can attend meeting of Trustees, asks to have it called after arrival of [Porteals?] picture.

Baltimore 13 December 73
Mr. A. Hyde Sec

Dear Sir

Thank you letter of yesterday. You recalled I handed you an envelope enclosing a Bill of Lading for the [last?] picture which I said Alex Brown [had?] gave me - on the back of the envelope was a memorandum as well as I remember of about 15$ - I [illegible] it the freight from London to Liverpool on the picture of [Porteal's?], which left by steamer today - if you authorize me I will settle with them send you bill and draw [on you?] for the small [amount?], at the moment I am hardly sure what day I can name to come down on early in the week I may be compelled to go to New York for a day or two - [want?] you make it after you get the new picture in - I take it you will hardly open the Gallery until after the holidays - when Congress reassembles - will you?

Respectfully
W.T. Walters

[Letter 145]

[Front of letter 145]
Walters W.T. Baltimore December 16, 1873
Received December 17, 1873
With regard to the [chg = charge?] of £ 6, 14, 1. (or $37.54) of Brown and Company. Has paid it and will draw upon Mr. H. for the amount

Baltimore 16 December 73

Mr. A. Hyde Secretary

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of gratuity. I send you the bill of lading and papers which [Mr.?] Brown had - but calling on them today I find the charges to be £6.14.1 - or $37.54 - I paid it, and now will draw on you for the amount today.

I hope to be able to let you know tomorrow when I can come over.

Your friend,
W.T. Walters

[Bill of lading enclosed with letter]

[Letter 146]

[Letterhead of Summers and Bryan, Successors to Summers and Brother, Wholesale, Fruiterers and Confectioners, 317 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore December 16 1873]

Corcoran Art Gallery

Sirs-

Just having finished a life size statue of [Barbees "Fisher Girl" (which is now ready for the market). I [write?] to know whether you are buying or not. The work is [well?] executed and is of the best marble. Please let me hear from you by tomorrow mail.

Respectfully
Herbert Barbee

Care of Summers and Bryan, No. 317 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore [Md?]

[Back of letter 146]
Barbee, Herbert, Baltimore December 16, 1873
Received December 17, 1873
Wishes to sell life size statue of "Barbees Fisher Girl".

[Letter 147]

Office 702 Broadway

New York December 20, 1873

Mr. A. Hyde

Dear Sir

Having my Circular now in the hands of the compositor, am only waiting for the certificate from you, in reference to the App in the Art Gallery. If convenient would consider it a great favor to receive it from you at an early day next week and oblige very truly

Your obedient servant
A.L. Bogart

[Back of letter 147]
Bogart A.L. New York December 20, 1873
Received December 22, 1873
Requests certificate referring to application of electricity to lighting gallery

[Letter 148]

Washington D.C. December 15, 1873

A. Hyde Esquire, Secretary [illegible]

Dear Sir:

I have very respectfully to inquire whether the trustees of the Corcoran Art Gallery will permit the exhibition in building of a large piece of embroidery (known as the Battle of Langside) some 8x10 feet in extent. By those who have seen the picture is pronounced a marvel in handiwork.

I have had the [honor?] to leave at the office of the trustees a specimen of needlework (picture of John Bright) executed by the lady who achieved the battle piece. From that you may form an idea of the merits and value of the work.

An early answer to this communication will greatly oblige

Yours respectfully
John B. Motley

[Back of letter 148]
Motley John. B. December 15, 1873

Received December 17, 1873
Asks if the Trustees will permit the exhibition of a large piece of embroidery in the building.
Answered December 18, 1873

[Letter 149]

[Front of letter 149]
Baldwin Austin and Company, N.Y. December 19, 1873
Received December /73
Information of shipment of 44 cases of plaster casts (per ship Cornelius Grinnell) from London.

[Letterhead of the Office of he American-European Express Company, No. 72 Broadway, New York, December 19. 1873.

[M?] [illegible] ofc. W.[J.?] Walter

Dear Sir:

We be leave to inform you of the shipment per ship Cornelius Grinnell from London of forty four cases of plaster casts consigned to our care for you. Due notice of the arrival of the vessel will be sent you for instruction as to the entry of same at Custom House.

Yours Respectfully,
Austin Baldwin and Company
Please process order from Secretary of Treasury [illegible] [examination?] in if upon arrival. Fill up. Sign [illegible] to enclosed [oath?] return it [lone?]

[Letter 150]

New York December 1873

Dear Sir:

A gentlemen calling at my house to day gave me your name and advised me to write to you. I have taken the liberty of doing so and sending on of my circulars. If you have any disposition in regard to donating a fine and rare collection of natural history to any institution I would feel very grateful if you would become the [possessor] of it. I would refer you to Dr. Gill of the Smithsonian Institution who knows me, would refer you to other gentlemen if necessary [illegible] price of the collection is twenty five hundred dollars which I consider about half its value hoping that you will feel inclined this way. I remain

Yours very respectfully
D.W. Ferguson
To WW Corcoran

[Back of letter 150]
Ferguson. D.W. New York December 1873
Received December 21/73
Wishes to sell a collection of natural history

[For Sale. circular enclosed with letter]